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HON. O. R. SINGLETON'S admirable letter has not become stale by postponement for a week. It is on our first page.

The Louisiana question remains unsettled. The Commission will remain in New Orleans some days yet, trying to work out the problem.

The public are naturally enquiring what is the object of the recent legislation creating a State Board of Health? The question is answered in an able essay on the subject, from one of the members of the Board, in another column. We are happy to announce that this contribution is the beginning of a series of papers, which will appear in our columns from the same author.

Is our agricultural column (fourth page) will be found a valuable letter on the subject of rice culture contributed to the Raymond Gazette by Mr. L. F. Alford. Rice is one of the most important and essential articles of food, and Mr. Alford, who is a practical planter and Master of our County Grange, shows how a crop may be raised with small risk of failure.

A CORRESPONDENT puts in a strong plea for the farmers in filling places of trust and emolument under the Democratic regime. This is all right. Ours is the party of the people, and no class ought to be ignored. There is still another class which constitutes an essential part of the bone and sinew, blood and muscle of the body politic. Its members are so modest that they rarely assert themselves except in election times. Let them, too, have a showing in the councils of the party and distribution of its rewards.

CAPT. LAKE, U. S. Marshall for the Southern District of Mississippi, announces, by authority in the Times, that the U. S. Attorney for the District "has concluded that it will be inexpedient to try, at the approaching May term of the United States Circuit Court, any of the cases therein pending for violations of the Franchise Laws and that all of these cases will be continued until the next November term of said Court." This conclusion will be gratifying to the parties concerned. It will spare them the necessity of leaving their homes at a season when business on their farms most needs their attention.

A STATEMENT having been published in the Cincinnati Enquirer falsely connecting Hon. Casey Young, of Memphis, and Hon. H. D. Money, of this State, with a scheme to elect a Hayes Republican speaker in consideration of pledges by the Administration to promote Southern material interests, Mr. Young has published a denial in the Memphis Appeal as follows:

If any attempt has actually been made to engage Democratic members from the South in any such improbable undertaking I have no knowledge of it, and know of no reason to fear its result. Of Mr. Money, whose name is also mentioned in the article you inclosed me, I feel authorized to speak. From an intimate personal acquaintance with him, I can safely say that the South has no more honorable and upright representative in Congress, and that his fidelity to the Democratic party is above doubt or suspicion.

While this high testimonial is appreciated by the constituents of Mr. Money, who feel a just pride in his brilliant Congressional career, it was not needed to assure them of his "fidelity to the Democratic party," and his scorn of such an "intrigue" as the Enquirer correspondent has unjustly imputed to him and other Southern Democrats.

THE WINONA Free Press has been after by the Free Press by Messrs. G. F. Neill and E. C. Hart. D. A. Holman, Esq., whose editorial career has been brief but brilliant, retires from the paper to devote his whole time to his legal profession; nevertheless he was to have the aid of his friend and partner in the canvass. Mr. Hart will devote himself to other business. To all the incoming and outgoing editors and publishers, we tender the CLARION'S best wishes.

THE Southern Hotel, St. Louis, was destroyed by fire, on Tuesday night, 10th inst., and many of the occupants were either burned to death in the building or killed in trying to effect their escape. The St. Louis papers have been filled for several days with the details of the great calamity. Among the most widely known of the victims is Geo. Frank Conley, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Bodies of Missouri, who, with his wife, boarded at the hotel. The public should demand that in the construction of five and six story hotels, some means of escape should be provided in case of fire.

By a report of the commission charged with winding up the Freedmen's Bureau, it is shown that the whole number of colored soldiers mustered in during the war was 169,624; of these 86,923 were mustered out, 20,236 were discharged for physical disability, 31,666 died, 14,887 deserted, 1,544 were killed in action, 1,244 were missing in action, and the others were discharged for various causes, transferred to the navy or other branches of the service.

Gov. HAMPTON has called the Legislature of South Carolina together on the 24th. It will adopt measures suitable to the present exigency and launch the ship of the old commonwealth under her new commander. Her sails will be filled with gentle winds and they will carry her to a port of safety after her long voyage with the practical crew from whom she has been rescued.

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Nothing could be more contrary to the wishes of the leaders of the party which the Administration represents than this condition of Southern affairs. They have resisted it with all the influences they were capable of wielding. They adopted the reconstruction policy, with universal suffrage, not from humanity to the negro, but to make him a Radical voting machine. They established Freedmen's Bureau agencies for that purpose. They proscribed the whites and denied them free participation in the reorganization of the Southern State governments after the war, for that purpose. To that end they kept alive the passions of the war, and passed enforcement and ku-klux acts to harry and intimidate voters of the white race. To that end they raised the battle flag of the "bloody shirt," and adopted as their slogan to excite the alarm and fire the heart of the North, the "rebel debt" and "Southern claims." To that end they employed the United States army and invested military commanders with supreme power over the lives and liberties of the people. To that end, they stole the votes of three States; installed their President by intimidation and fraud; and finally as a last recourse they have attempted to divide and conquer by forming a coalition with the men of whom they have spoken derisively as ex-confederates and enemies of the government. In this last desperate expedient they will also fail. The Southern people, remembering all the wrongs they have suffered at the hands of that party—remembering its Punic faith—and reminded perpetually of its last crowning outrage of seizing the Presidential office in defiance of the popular voice will have but one indignant response to its deceitful overtures: "Get thee behind me, Satan!"

And the South will remain "solid." The Republican leaders, by their desperate scheme to array the North against her, commenced the game, and taught her people the necessity of combination. All that they have gained since the war in re-establishing their rights under the common government was by standing together. If the bayonet is to be removed, it is because the South contributed her part to the popular majority of three hundred thousand voters who made the demand through the ballot box. There is power in the voice of a people united. The spirit of hate and persecution, more deaf than wind and waves to the appeals of justice and humanity, quails before it. The natural instinct of self preservation points to but one course. It is for the South to stand firmly by the National Democracy which in the dark days, and through good and evil report, demanded equality of privilege for her in the Union. The Memphis Appeal no more truthfully than eloquently remarks that "ten years ago, our only friend on earth, the Democratic party was in a hopeless minority. Both houses of Congress were against us by over two-thirds majority; the whole people of the South were against us, and thought it no wrong to revile, plunder and oppress us. Most of the Southern States were in the hands of aliens and robbers. We were draining the cup of misfortune and humiliation to its very dregs. But the situation has changed. Aided by the National Democracy, and opposed by the Radical party, every Southern State is re-deemed and under the control of its own people, except one poor captive sister, and the fetters will soon fall from her limbs." In her strength she cannot distrust the faithfulness of friends that were true to her as the needle to the pole in her weakness.

When Louisiana joins the redeemed States, the South will be "solid" for the protection of her own interests and for the Constitution which should be the only cementing bond of the Union. Thus solidified and united with the Democracy of the North upon the immutable principles of justice to every section and to all men of every clime, color, condition and race, the South will be secure, and the assaults of her enemies will be like—Sargass waves against a solid rock.

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